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SUBJECT: DJIBOUTI PRIME MINISTER VISIT TO JAPAN:
AUGUST 23-25

1. DJIBOUTI PRIME MINISTER ABDALLAH MOHAMED KAMIL AND HIS WIFE VISITED JAPAN AUGUST 23-25 AT INVITATION OF MOFA. ALTHOUGH JAPAN RECOGNIZED DJIBOUTI AT TIME OF INDEPENDENCE IN JUNE 1978, VISIT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON RECOGNITION. ACCORDING TO MOFA AFRICAN DIV DEPDIR KUNIEDA, JAPANESE DO NOT PLAN TO OPEN EMBASSY IN DJIBOUTI BUT WILL ACCREDIT GOJ AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE WITH CONTACTS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES TO TAKE PLACE IN PARIS BETWEEN JAPANESE AND DJIBOUTIAN EMBASSIES.

2. DURING HIS SHORT TOKYO VISIT, WHICH FOLLOWED AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO REPUBLIC OF KOREA, KAMIL MET WITH PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA AND FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA. KAMIL EXPLAINED STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF DJIBOUTI TO FUKUDA BUT DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF JAPANESE PRIVATE INVESTMENT SINCE, ACCORDING TO KUNIEDA, HE AWARE OF LACK OF INTEREST FROM PRIVATE SECTOR. KAMIL ALSO DID NOT RAISE SUBJECT OF JAPANESE ECONOMIC AID.

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3. SONODA ASKED FOR DJIBOUTI SUPPORT FOR JAPAN'S SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT CANDIDACY. KAMIL SAID THAT WHILE HE COULD SEE NO REASON TO OPPOSE CANDIDACY, DECISION WAS UP TO DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT. MANSFIELD

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